

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested in view of the following observations.

1. In the claims

Claims 25 and 27 have been amended to remove reference to claim 1 and to include the feature of providing a value document having a value document substrate and at least three different feature substances for checking the value document, the value document of a series having a first feature substance, the second feature substance including a luminescent substance and the third feature substance including a material absorbent in a selected spectral range, wherein an upgrade of the value document of the series in addition to or instead of the first feature substance comprises a fourth feature substance.

Support for this amendatory language may be found, for example, at least in paragraphs [0012]-[0015] and [0018]-[0019] of the specification.

The claims are now considered to be placed in condition for allowance.

No new matter is introduced via the amendment to the claims.

Entry of the amendment to the claims is kindly requested.

2. Objection of claims 25-29,31-40, and 43 for improper dependence

Claims 25-29, 31-40, and 43 were objected to for improperly depending from claim 1.

Independent claims 25 and 27 have been amended to remove reference to claim 1 and to incorporate the features of allowable claim 1.

Claims 26, 28, 29, 31-40, and 43 depend from one of claims 25 or 27 and are thus, allowable in view of the amendment to claims 25 and 27.

Withdrawal of the objection is kindly requested.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9, 12-24, 41, and 42 are allowed.

4. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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